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EXPERIENCE

06/2020 – today
intern,
then part-time,
then full time

Platform engineer, at Blockchain.com

Large crypto finance house (including a wallet and an exchange) with retail and institutional businesses. Directly responsible for several **JVM** (mainly **Kotlin**) services critical for business operation and central to user experience.

Scaling up **stateful distributed** systems with an event-driven architecture.

Implementing application **performance monitoring** and performing **production incident response**.

Onboarding new engineers in the team to the complex product and architecture of Blockchain.

Engineering tooling to facilitate development, improve build processes, and enhance observability.

06/2019 –
10/2019
intern

Software Engineer, at Emit, Inc.

Four-person startup with its own smartwatch aiming to provide time-analytics to institutional customers.

Worked on data analytics, developing a data processing pipeline and libraries in **Kotlin** and **Python** on top of serverless tech on **AWS (Lambda, DynamoDB, ElasticSearch)**.

EDUCATION

2018 – 2022

MEng Computer Science – First Class Honours, at Imperial College London

Focus on Software Engineering, Distributed Systems, Network and Computer Security, Systems and Data Scalability, Logic-based AI, Type Systems for Programming Languages, Simulation & Modelling.

Additional Business School modules include Project Management, Finance & Financial Markets, and Business Strategy.

2015-2018

French Baccalaureate (S-SI) – Highest Honours, at French Lycée of Madrid

High-school diploma with **Engineering Sciences with Further Maths** specialisations, and completed optional Portuguese and Music modules.

Extracurriculars include two Model UNs, Drama, Choir, student representative, competing in the basketball team.

PROJECTS

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AWS (Lambda,
DynamoDB, EC2),
Kotlin, VueJS

DJStreamr, collaborative streaming service for DJs

djstreamr.com

Music synchronisation protocol implemented as a webapp with an event-driven platform architecture which leverages serverless technology.

Kotlin, JVM
bytecode, ARM11
assembly

WACC, multiplatform compiler

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Multiplatform compiler from WACC (a toy language) to JVM bytecode and ARM11 64-byte assembly that supports basic constructs like stack-allocated primitives, and heap-allocated arrays and pairs.

C, x86 assembly

PintOS, UNIX-like OS

pintos-os.org

Pint-sized OS with features such as advanced scheduling, paging, virtual memory and user programs with support for some of the C stdlib.

Elixir, Paxos

Multi-Paxos

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Implementation of a variation of the Paxos consensus algorithm, as specified in the paper *Paxos Made Moderately Complex*.

TECHNOLOGIES

Proficient in JVM (Kotlin, Java), Gradle

Experience with Python, C, Haskell, Typescript, Elixir

AWS (Lambda, DynamoDB EC2, S3, CodeDeploy, API Gateway), Nomad
gRPC + protobufs, Kafka, Akka, PostgreSQL, Docker, APM, ConcourseCI,
TravisCI, GitlabCI, React, VueJS

Object-oriented, Functional, Actor-oriented, and Procedural programming.

HOBBIES

I enjoy DJing as well as kitesurfing and rock climbing!

LANGUAGES

English - bilingual (C2 certification)

Spanish - native

French - bilingual

Portuguese - advanced level

SKILLS

"Cool under pressure"

"Pleasant to work with"

"Owns solutions and sees them through"

"Aware of product quality"

I can google well!